

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 1, before line 3 please add the following:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)**

This application is the national stage of PCT Application No. PCT/EP03/03003 filed March 22, 2003 for "Device for Protecting Against Unauthorized Use of Software" by Bernd Peeters and Wulf Harder, which in turn claims priority from German Application No. 202 06 628.2 filed April 22, 2002.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

At page 2, before line 9 please add the following:

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

At page 2, before line 15 please add the following:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

The sole figure is a block diagram illustrating a device for protecting against unauthorized use of software according to an embodiment of the present invention.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

Please replace the heading at page 8, line 1 with the following heading:

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**